

## Press Release

The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi) and the National Law University, Delhi (NLU Delhi) held a virtual Joint Faculty Workshop on 25th May 2021 to explore research and academic partnerships in the field of technology and law. The workshop was designed as a platform for a meaningful exchange of ideas between faculty from both institutions. The purpose was also to discuss and work towards specific academic and research projects between IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi.

The session began with an introduction to the workshop by Prof. Bolia, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi. Prof. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi, and Prof. Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi then addressed the faculty, highlighting the need for higher education to be more interdisciplinary, inter-professional and international. This is in keeping with the National Education Policy 2020 that encourages interdisciplinary learning and partnership. Further, joint supervision of Ph.D. projects, auditing of courses at both institutions by students, joint certificate programs, and training courses for industry professionals or government bodies, were emphasized.

Faculty members from both institutions then presented research work undertaken, and the scope for future collaborations within a range of subject areas such as intellectual property rights, science diplomacy, criminal law, artificial intelligence, forensic science, and statistics. Faculty from NLU Delhi began presentations with Prof. Harpreet Kaur and Dr Arul George Scaria who spoke on the idea of a 'Joint Startup Incubation Centre'. Dr. Anup Surendranath and Shreya Rastogi from Project 39A spoke on 'Digital Forensics' in the criminal justice system. Dr. Daniel Mathew from the Centre of Communication Governance spoke on the Interface of Law, Policy and Technology. This was followed by presentations from faculty at IIT Delhi. Prof. Archana Chugh, [Kusuma School of Biosciences](#) spoke on assessing the role of intellectual property rights in Science Diplomacy. Prof. Ankush Aggarwal, [Department of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) presented on India's official statistics and the underlying legal framework. Prof. Nomesh Bolia, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Coordinator, DAKSH Centre of Excellence for Law & Technology, spoke on case management and data in the judiciary.

Professor Daniel Martin Katz, Chicago Kent School of Law delivered the Keynote Speech on the need for technology to define and solve systemic failures in the legal system.

The session ended with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Scaria, who encouraged further conversations between faculty at IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi, and emphasized the need to enrich this partnership between experts in technology and law.

Both institutions are in the process of signing a Memorandum of Understanding that will encompass interdisciplinary and collaborative teaching and research.



The poster features a dark red background with a faint image of hands working on laptops. The title 'Joint Faculty Workshop' is in large white font. Below it, the subtitle 'An initiative to explore collaborative research & academic partnerships in law and technology' is in smaller white font. The NLU Delhi logo is in the top right. A yellow banner contains the date and time: 'Tuesday, May 25 | 4 pm to 7 pm | Virtual'. Another yellow banner below it says 'Open to all faculty at IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi\*'. The speakers are listed in two columns: IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi. A final yellow banner at the bottom mentions a talk by Prof. Daniel Martin Katz.

# Joint Faculty Workshop

An initiative to explore collaborative research & academic partnerships in law and technology

**Tuesday, May 25 | 4 pm to 7 pm | Virtual**

**Open to all faculty at IIT Delhi and NLU Delhi\***

With presentations by: \*Link to the meeting will be circulated in due course

**IIT Delhi**

Prof. Archana Chug Kusuma School of Biosciences	Prof. Ankush Aggarwal Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences	Prof. Nimesh Bolia Dept. of Mechanical Engineering
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**NLU Delhi**

Prof. Harpreet Kaur Centre for Corporate Law and Governance	Dr. Arul George Scaria Centre for Innovation, Intellectual Property and Competition (CIIPC)	Mr. Daniel Mathew Centre for Communication Governance	Dr. Anup Surendranath & Shreya Rastogi Project 39A
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And a talk by **Prof. Daniel Martin Katz**, Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law

